

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1010

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Tia Ellise Collier, 2010
Valedictorian of Seymour High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Tia Ellise Collier is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at Seymour High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Collier has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Tia Collier has earned an exemplary grade point average of 4.0 while participating in several extracurricular and civic activities, including serving as the Editor of the Yearbook Staff, the President of Teen Board, and as a member of the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, the Science Club, the International Club, Y-Teens, and the Art Club; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Ms. Collier has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, East Tennessee Children's Hospital Fantasy of Trees, Coats for the Cold, Salvation Army, and Toys for Tots; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her singular achievements in academics, Ms. Collier has received numerous awards and honors, including earning the Valedictorian Scholarship, the Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Waddell Scholarship, the Knoxville Post Office Credit Union Scholarship, the Honors Chemistry I Award, the Honors Chemistry II Award, the Honors Environmental Science Award, and the Honors Geometry Award; she was also named the 2010

News Sentinel Academic Achiever, Miss Seymour High School, Best All-Around Student, and Class Favorite; and

WHEREAS, Tia Collier's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at the University of Mississippi, where she has been accepted into the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Rick and Teresa Collier, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Collier's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2010 Seymour High School Valedictorian, Tia Ellise Collier, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.